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2. "Chemical fertilizers manufactured in China form only a minute part of Chinese requirements for fertilizers. The greater part of fertilizers used in China is still human excrement collected from cities and towns and junked or carted to "pools" located in farming areas and transferred from there as needed to the crops. The present Government is encouraging the use of chemical fertilizers for the large tonnage crops such as rice, wheat, etc., and have gone to the extent of making loans to farmers to enable them to purchase chemical fertilizers. Most of the chemical fertilizer consumed is imported [REDACTED]

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3. "When the Communist Government took over the country early in 1950, gasoline sold for \$3.00 an imperial gallon and was strictly rationed. [REDACTED] 1953, the price had dropped to \$1.00 an imperial gallon and there was no limit on how much could be purchased. [REDACTED] all the gasoline in China is imported from the USSR.

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4. "Early in 1950 buses and trucks were hauling around little trailers in which they produced CO. from coal or wood to burn in the motors. [REDACTED]

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